(c) It has been estimated that in order to meet the housing requirement during 8th Five Year Plan an investment of Rs. 77,496 crores at 1990 prices would be required in the Public and Private Sector.

Increasing of urban population

1553. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that urban population of the country had increased from 109 million in 1971 to 217 millon in 1991 ;

(b) if so, whether any Action Plan has been or is being formulated to deal with the problem of growing urbanisation, if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) whether the Action Plan is proposed to be launched as a part of the Eighth Five Year Plan, if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Urban Development is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory Administration. The Central Government plays only a catalytic/nodal role. The programmes undertaken so far keeping in view the rapid urbanisation and its serious impact on economy, environment and society, include efforts on reduction of migration of population from rural areas to major urban areas through the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, removal of poverty and creation of jobs for urban poor through the Nehru Rojgar Yojana. Provision of social Services through the scheme of Urban Basic Service for the poor, improvement in the living conditions in urban slums through the scheme of environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) by provision of basic physical amenities in Urban Slums etc. These Centrally sponsored schemes and State Sector Scheme of EIUS are likely to continue in the 8th Plan which is yet to be finalised. Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) is also giving loans for implementation of housing and urban infrastructure schemes. The operation of HUDCO would be further expanded and strengthened in the 8th Plan period.

Water supply in the Capital

1554. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the capital was facing prospect of acute water scarcity towards the end of March and beginning of April, 1992, in view of the likely disruption of supply from Bhakra which required immediate repairs ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Bhakra Main line and Narwana Branch were closed for repairs from 3rd to 20th April, 1992. During the period of closure, the Government of Haryana and U.P. had agreed to supply 500 and 250 cusecs of water respectively. The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has also reported that they had imposed a voluntary 20% cut in the supply of water by rationalising the supply system to maintain the reservoirs at the maximum level.

Installation of maters in residential colony of Provident Fund Employees

1555. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4292 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the CPWD has been given instructions to install suitable meters in PF Colony, which can sustain the load of Air conditioners ;